

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

The specification as amended below with replacement paragraphs shows added text with underlining and deleted text with ~~striketrough~~.

Please REPLACE the paragraph beginning at page 2, line 1, with the following paragraph:

When the halftone-dot images of Y, M, C, and K are superimposed, generation of a moire stripe attributable to the cycle of dot cells must be prevented. A number of technologies that suppress generation of such a moire stripe is known. ~~(refer to See, for example, Patent Document 1 and Patent Document 2~~ Japanese Patent Application Laid-Open Publication No. 6-130656 (hereinafter "Patent Document 1") and Japanese Patent Application Laid-Open Publication No. 2002-369017 (hereinafter "Patent Document 2").

Please DELETE page 10 lines 18-21, that is:

~~Patent Document 1: Japanese Patent Application Laid-Open Publication No. 6-130656~~

~~Patent Document 2: Japanese Patent Application Laid-Open Publication No. 2002-369017~~